

# Asian Community Fact Sheet

## FACTS

- The Labor Force Participation Rate of Asians/Pacific Islanders in Utah is 75.8% compared to 65.7% in the U.S. (Wilhelm 2005)
- New population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that in 2006 the U.S. minority population topped 100 million. While the large majority of people over age 60 are non-Hispanic white, a substantial and growing proportion of young people are of racial or ethnic minorities. (Population Reference Bureau)
- Nearly all Asians are urbanites. Data shows that 95% of Asians lived in metro areas. (Humphreys 2006)
- Asians are much better educated than is the average American, and therefore Asians hold many top-level jobs in management or professional specialties. (Humphreys 2006)

## POPULATION

<u>2005 American Community Survey</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
State of Utah Total Population	2,427,350	100
Asian	46,962	1.8

### Asian:

Asian Indian	4,652	0.10
Chinese	10,145	0.21
Filipino	3,541	0.08
Japanese	5,918	0.13
Korean	3,561	0.08
Vietnamese	9,366	0.20
Other Asian	9,779	0.20

## ASIAN POPULATION TRENDS

2000	2003	2005 Projection
<b>37,108</b>	42,160	46,255
1.7%	1.8%	1.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000

## BUYING POWER

The projected total of Asian buying power in the state of Utah (thousands of dollars)

Year	\$\$\$\$\$
2000	911,220
2005	1,387,699
2010	2,081,140

## RESOURCES

Utah Asian Chamber of Commerce

[utahasianchamber.org](http://utahasianchamber.org)

Utah Microenterprise Loan Fund

[www.umlf.com](http://www.umlf.com)

Pete Suazo Business Center

[petesuazocenter.org](http://petesuazocenter.org)

Office of Ethnic Affairs

[www.ethnicoffice.utah.gov](http://www.ethnicoffice.utah.gov)

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